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SUBJECT: VISIT KOREAN VICE MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. KIM DONG-WHIE, VICE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

IN ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY, VISITED JORDAN JUNE 1-3.

2. AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH KIM AFTER LUNCHEON

GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR FOR KIM TO MEET FRIENDLY DIPLOMATS

AND JORDANIAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS. KIM

PRESENTED KOREAN VIEWS ON ROK-GOJ RELATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

3. ROK PRESENCE, CONTRARY TO KOREAN CHARGE SONG'S

EARLIER STATEMENT THAT ROK WOULD APPOINT AN AMBASSADOR,

KIM IMPLIED MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. AMBASSADOR

URGED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION ON BASIS OUR ASSESSMENT

THAT GOJ WOULD NOT BE HAPPY WITH SECOND-CLASS STATUS

IMPLIED BY PRESENCE CHARGE AND THIS NOT IN ROK

INTERESTS AS WELL.

4. ECONOMIC RELATIONS, KIM HAD TALKS WITH GOJ

ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. HE DID NOT INDICATE RESULTS IF

ANY, ALTHOUGH HE SAID PUBLICLY ROK WOULD ROLLOUP WITH

HIGHER LEVEL VISIT. ON CHO SUK CONTRAT WITH JORDAN

VALLEY COMMISSION, KIM ASKED AMBASSADOR IF ANYTHING

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COULD BE DONE TO REDUCE PERFORMANCE BOND FROM PRESENT

HIGH FORTY PERCENT TO "USUAL" TEN PERCENT. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD NOT PURSUE QUESTION, AT LEAST UNTIL CHO SUK HAD DEMONSTRATED IT COULD PERFORM IN JORDAN. WE WOULD DO WHAT WE COULD TO EXPEDITE LOAN PAYMENTS AND LETTER OF CREDIT, BUT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO TRY TO REDUCE PERFORMANCE BOND. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT CHO SUK WAS NOW ON TRAIL. ITS PERFORMANCE WOULD VERY MUCH AFFECT FUTURE OF ROK-GOJ RELATIONS. KIM AGREED AND PROMISED TO MAKE SURE CHO SUK UNDERSTOOD.

5. MILITARY RELATIONS, KIM WAS ASKED ABOUT ASSIGNMENT MILITARY ATTACHE GIVEN CENTRAL IMPROTANCE JORDANIAN MILITARY. HE SIAD THIS WOULD DEPEND ON REACTION TO JORDANIANS TO INVITATION FOR MILITARY DELEGATION TO ATTEND OCTOBER MILITARY DAY CELEBRATION IN ROK. PRESENT AT LUNCHEON WAS MGEN ABDUL HADI MAJALI WHO VISITED ROK LAST YEAR AS STUDENT FROM UK ROYAL COLLEGE DEFENSE STUDIES. MAJALI THOUGHT JORDANIANS WOULD RESPOND WELL TO INVITATION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD ENCOURAGE LGEN BIN SHAKER JAF CHIEF OF STAFF TO GO IF THERE WERE NO CRISES HERE AT THE TIME.

6. NAC AND UN. KIM GIVEN A COPY OF EMBASSY AIDE-MEMOIRE (PER STATE 091300) TO GOJ ON NAC MEETING AND DUAL REPRESENTATION NORTH AND SOURTH KOREA. KIM SAID HE HAD BEEN GIVEN GOOD REACTION FROM MINISTER STATE FORAFFAIRS. HE ASKED IF WE THOUGHT JORDAN WOULD GIVE A FAVORABLE SPEECH. WE POINTED OUT ALSO THAT GOJ TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARABS AND THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE IMPORTANT. IF SAUDIS TOOK LEAD, THEN JORDAN MIGHT DO SO. KIM SAID HE WOULD WORK WITH SAUDIS STRESSING ANTI-COMMUNIST THEMES. HE SAID HE THOUGHT TUNIS WOULD HELP. HE DISCUSSED ALSO TRIP TO TRIPOLI WHICH WE PRESUME HAS BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY IN VIEW OF KIM'S DISCREET AND DIRECT CONTACT WITH US THERE.
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